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**REMARKS:** My apologies for Frost's hasty decision.  
 Attached message arrived after I delivered original memorandum to your office.

Fiscal Division advises payment in dollars OK. Think approval of original memorandum is still advisable. We could then either execute contract if finally acceptable to us and the BBC or allow per diem and transportation as provided for in the memorandum on a without compensation basis without

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bothering you again. General Counsel says latter seems preferable. However, it is possible that former would be cheaper.

Appreciate earliest advice in order cable Frost before noon on Monday.

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Either is O.K. and it's  
cheaper this way, so much,  
the better. 11/11

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Executive

DATE: JUL 29 1949

FROM : Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Detail of BBC Monitoring Personnel to FBIS Mediterranean Bureau

REF : a. Memorandum dated 15 July 1949 to Executive from ADO, subject same  
as aboveb. Attached message No. 290525 to White, Chief, FBIB, from Frost,  
Head of BBC Monitoring Service

1. Following approval by the Executive of the FBIS-BBC proposal to detail BBC personnel to the FBIS Mediterranean Bureau (Reference a) a proposed contract was prepared by the Services Officer and submitted to the BBC for comment.

2. BBC has replied that the proposed contract is likely to cause major administrative problems involving not only BBC contractual agreements with staff but also its authority to enter into American Government contracts without approval of exchange authorities, and anticipates that it would require considerable time to solve these problems. BBC suggests as an alternative that CIA pay transportation costs to and from Cyprus and a flat \$10 per diem for the period of this detail.

3. In view of the immediate need for this personnel at Cyprus and in order to avoid the necessity of executing a formal contract permission is requested to employ three BBC personnel as experts for a period of approximately six months on a without compensation basis in accordance with section 5, Public Law 600, 79th Congress, and to allow this personnel transportation and per diem as follows:

a. Round trip air transportation between London and Cyprus (CIA Transportation Requests will be used to secure passage).

b. Ten dollars per diem in lieu of subsistence en route and at Cyprus.

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Concur:

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APPROVED 1 August 1949  
FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Personnel Officer

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Acting Executive

Budget Officer

Attachment

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TO WASHINGTON

FROM LONDON

290525 WHITE

REGRET PROPOSED CONTRACT LIKELY TO CAUSE MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS HERE INVOLVING NOT REPEAT NOT ONLY OUR CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH STAFF BUT OUR AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WITHOUT APPROVAL EXCHANGE AUTHORITIES, ETC. ENVISAGE CONSIDERABLE TIME BEFORE WE CAN ELUCIDATE THESE PROBLEMS. SUGGEST POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE WE SECOND STAFF TO WARFIELD HAVING PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED THEIR WRITTEN CONSENT AND YOU PAY TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND TEN DOLLARS PER DIEM DETACHED DUTY ALLOWANCE. THIS LATTER FIGURE SHOULD FULLY COVER ALL PROVISIONS WE NORMALLY MAKE FOR OUR OWN STAFF. MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THESE PROPOSALS SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED. GRATEFUL URGENTEST CONSIDERATION AS WE HAVE ALREADY BOOKED PASSAGES OWING VERY HEAVY ADVANCE BOOKINGS. UNLESS PROVISIONAL SETTLEMENT REACHED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS WE MUST CANCEL TO AVOID COMMITMENT.

FROST

29 JULY 1949

TO WASHINGTON

FROM LONDON

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IMMEDIATE ATTENTION WHITE

FURTHER MY 290525 THIS MORNING ENQUIRIES TODAY SHOWED WE CAN POSSIBLY AGREE CONTRACT SUBJECT MINOR CHANGES IN WORDING. NEW UNDER REVIEW OUR LAWYERS AND IF PAYMENT IS MADE IN DOLLARS. UNDERSTAND WE FORBIDDEN SIGN CONTRACT OTHER THAN FOR PAYMENT IN DOLLARS WITHOUT GOVERNMENT APPROVAL. CAN YOU POSSIBLY INDICATE BY TUESDAY MORNING WHETHER DOLLAR PAYMENT POSSIBLE AS MEETING WITH LAWYERS YESTERDAY. MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY HERE.

FROST

29 JULY 1949

1 August 1949 - Dollar payment approved. Make necessary arrangements with the Budget Officer.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.

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Acting Executive